

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 487 – HB 574

March 11, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes, from under 13 years old to under 18 years old, the age in which a physician is required under the *Child Rape Protection Act of 2006* to report suspected sexual abuse of a minor who is seeking an abortion.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005642): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires a physician who performs elective abortion services as part of their practice to report suspected child sexual abuse if a minor between the ages of 13 and 17 requests the physician to perform an abortion and the physician has reasonable cause to believe there is child sexual abuse involved.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-15-210(b), a physician who has been requested to perform an abortion on a minor who is less than 13 years of age is required to report the suspected sexual abuse of a minor.
- The proposed legislation adds a new requirement for physicians who perform elective abortion services as part of their practice to report suspected sexual abuse of a minor between the ages of 13 and 17 years old.
- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the procedures or processes of the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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